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MOSCOW, March 28 – RIA Novosti. The Supreme Court of the DPR sentenced a serviceman of the nationalist Azov* battalion to life imprisonment for the murder of five civilians in Mariupol, the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation and the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation reported.

"The Supreme Court of the Donetsk People's Republic passed a verdict in a criminal case against a 28-year-old soldier of the separate special forces unit "Azov"* of the National Guard of Ukraine, Alexander Sykylynda (Александр Сыкылында). He was found guilty

under subparagraphs "a", "v", "zh", "l" "Part two of Article 105 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (murder of two or more persons, a minor, committed by an organized group, motivated by political, ideological hatred), part one of Article 356 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (cruel treatment of the civilian population in occupied territory)," the statement says.

The court found that in March 2022, Sykylynda, while at one of the observation positions in Mariupol, noticed a car with the inscription "Children" on the hood; there were three people inside the car, including a child. Having received an order to liquidate the civilians, Sykylynda, together with his colleagues, gunned down the car, all passengers died.

Besides that, in the period of April 7 to April 8, 2022, Sykylynda shot at another car in Mariupol, with two civilians traveling in it. Both [civilians] died on the spot from the inflicted injuries.

"Taking into account the opinion of the state prosecutor, the court sentenced Sykylynda to life imprisonment to be served in a special regime correctional colony," the release clarifies.

"Sykylynda admitted his guilt," the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation added.

* Terrorist organization banned in Russia.